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REPORTS

OF

SELECTMEN AND TOWN TREASURER.

The Taxes assessed for A. D., 1872, are as follows, viz:

Town Tax,	$2000 11	
State "	951 00	
County "	1571 51	
School "	1112 27	
Dog "	58 00	
		$5692 89
Literary Fund, divided equally between the Districts,		$77 40
The Selectmen charge themselves with orders drawn on the Treasurer as follows, viz.:		$4436 89

SCHOOLS.

1872.

Dist. No 1, James R. Gordon,	$325 34
2, Moses Webster,	167 02
3, John P. Robie,	178 28
4, Daniel S. West,	78 54

Dist. No 5, William Weeks,	57 59	
6, William D. Smith,	65 88	
7, John A. Hazelton,	87 42	
8, Charles F. True,	95 74	
9, Dan T. Sanborn,	58 22	
10, Henry Knights,	58 14	
1, George W. Chase, Auburn,	17 50	
		$1,189 67

STATE AND COUNTY.

1872.

Paid State Tax,	$951 00	
County "	1,571 51	
		$2,522 51

IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1872.

Paid William A. Smith, 184 ft. oak plank, 2½ cts. per ft., Dist. No. 3, $4 60

Ebenezer Marden, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 12, 10 00

Ebenezer Marden, 195 ft. plank, 2 cts. per ft., Dist. No. 12, 3 90

J. H. Smith & Co., to 14 chestnut poles, $1 00 each, Dist. No, 3, 14 00

To 28 posts, Dist. No. 3, 4 67

Charles Stevens, 685 ft. bridge plank, 2 cts. per ft., Dist. No. 12, 13 70

O. F. Page, 1073 ft. bridge plank, 2 cts. per ft., Dist. No. 9, 21 46

To timber and labor, railing bridge, 16 00

George S. Smith, 250 ft. bridge plank, 2 cts. per ft., Dist. No. 15, 5 00

Paid Labor laying the same,		75	
George Cammett, repairing road,	Dist. No. 4,	4 05	
Garland Smith, labor on highway and bridges,	Dist. No. 15,	19 44	
Edwin Haselton, 590 ft. bridge plank, 2½ cts. per ft.,	Dist. No. 8,	14 75	
7 stringers for bridge,		5 00	
Labor on bridge,		3 00	
Labor on highway,		11 15	
Labor in	Dist. No. 4,	3 00	
Henry H. Lane, labor on highway,	Dist. No. 13,	11 00	
			$165 47

BREAKING ROADS.

1872.

Moses G. Underhill,	Dist. No. 1,	$4 50	
Garland Smith,	15,	4 50	
Wiliam P. W. Whittemore,	1,	4 20	
Charles S. Whitcomb,	3,	4 88	
Lewis Kimball,	17,	1 05	
William Crawford,	5,	1 50	
Samuel W. Edwards,	14,	2 25	
Asahel Weeks,	15,	90	
George H. Merrill,	8,	3 00	
			$26 78

NON-RESIDENT TAXES.

1872.

Paid non-resident taxes worked out, $49 12

TAXES ABATED.

G. S. Smith's List.

1871.

Paid	Richard C. Lawrence, over taxed,	$1 00	
	Thomas J. Melvin, wrong tax,	16 00	
	Thomas A. McDuffee, unable,	4 00	
	Stephen Mills, unable,	3 00	
	John Johnson, paid in Mass.,	3 00	
	Naman Richardson, wrong taxed,	3 68	
	John C. Dennison, wrong taxed,	3 00	
	William A. Smith, cow died,	35	
	Thomas Lane place,	5 00	
1872.			
Paid.	Frederick McDuffee, died,	1 59	
	John Sanborn, cow died,	45	
	Joseph R. Morse, horse died,	30	
			$41 28

STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

1872.

Paid	B. T. Cox, printing town acc'ts. for. 1871-2	$30 00	
	Printing road surveyor's and other warrants,	1 50	
	Tax bills,	2 50	
	William H. Fisk, collector's book,	1 00	
	" surveyor's books,	1 50	
	" stationery,	60	
	" 2 invoice books,	1 15	
	B. W. Sanborn, note book,	75	
			$39 00

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

1872.

G. S. Smith, Collector, paid before Aug. 1,	$100 94
Wm. J. Moore, damage sustained by breaking through bridge,	$25 00

CEMETERY.

1872.

Paid George W. Wilcomb, care of cemetery,	$3 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

1872.

Paid George S. Smith,	$45 75	
Edwin Haselton,	15 00	
Benjamin Davis,	23 25	
		$84 00
Selectmen's and Auditor's expenses,		$31 33

AUDITOR'S SERVICES.

1872.

Paid Thomas J. Melvin,	$2 00	
Lucien Kent,	2 00	
William P. Underhill,	2 00	
		$6 00

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

1872.

Paid James F. Brown,	$40 00

TOWN TREASURER.

1872.

Paid John W. Noyes,	$25 00

TOWN CLERK.

1872.

Paid	Cyrus F. Marston,	$15 00	
	Stamps and Stationery,	1 00	
			$16 00

COLLECTOR.

1871.

Paid	Geo. S. Smith, balance on 1871 list,	$32 79	
1872.			
	Thirty-nine on 1872 list,	39 00	
			$71 79
	Whole Amount,		$4,436 89

GEORGE S. SMITH,
EDWIN HAZELTON,
BENJAMIN DAVIS,
} *Selectmen of Chester.*

STATEMENT.

The town owes the following notes, Int. cast to March 1, 1872:

1865.		
March 23,	Henry Moore,	$98 66
April 6,	Betsey Pressey,	79 25
July 3,	F. R. Stevens,	156 30
1866.	Mary A. Dearborn,	240 60
1867.		
April 9,	Benjamin Webster,	281 97
March 21,	Lucy A. Green,	706 91
Aug. 31,	John Ordway,	1,378 60
1868.		
April 7,	Laura Spaulding,	202 28
Oct. 20,	Sarah E. Mullet,	1,225 95
Oct. 20,	Susan J. Mullet,	550 36
Sept. 26,	John Ordway,	1,294 88
Dec. 3,	Sarah Shaw,	115 26
1869.		
Feb. 1,	Ira Sanborn,	253 75
March 26,	Ira Sanborn,	251 46
April 10,	Julia A. Sanborn,	69 00
May 4,	Ira Sanborn,	124 97
July 30,	Philip Nowell,	1097 10
Oct. 13,	Jona. Pressey,	182 72
Oct. 20,	Martha W. Webster,	97 24
Dec. 15,	Parker Morse,	171 05
1870.		
Jan. 5,	Sarah Shaw,	360 57

Jan. 5,	Martha A. Hatch,	159 67
Jan. 7,	Daniel Sanborn,	813 44
April 16,	Mary S. Kimball,	118 24
April 23,	Sophia White,	118 10
April 23,	Jonathan Pressey,	118 10
May 6,	Philip Nowell,	2,098 00
May 24,	Robert Rogers,	498 26
July 30,	Mary Sanborn,	202 17
Aug. 1,	Asa Sanborn,	116 29
Sept. 16,	S. H. Quincy,	479 54
Sept. 16,	Lydia Cilley,	221 04
Sept. 16,	Sarah A. Hazelton,	57 71
Oct. 1,	Jane R. Brown,	533 58
Oct. 14,	Jonathan Pressey,	172 36
Nov. 14,	Mark Sanborn,	142 93
Dec. 8,	Philip Nowell,	1,138 95
Dec. 13,	Jonathan Pressey,	113 79
1871.		
Jan. 7,	Robert Rogers,	340 05
Jan. 12,	Polly Dolber,	113 26
May 12,	William D. Knowles,	166 63
May 23,	Mary Butterfield,	166 34
Aug. 14,	Wm. P. Underhill,	328 39
Aug. 27,	Daty Ann Morse,	218 47
Dec. 22,	Mary H. Seavey,	628 38
1872.		
Jan. 1,	Daniel S. Brown,	106 11
Jan. 1,	James D. Lane,	338 67
Jan. 1,	John Lane, 2d,	97 77
Jan. 1,	Elzira F. Nichols,	318 49
Feb. 1,	Ephraim Orcutt,	1,608 00

March 26,	Amos Buck,	1,055 67	
May 6,	Charles H. Knowles,	209 80	
Nov. 19,	Sarah D. Moore,	203 37	
Nov. 28,	Eliphalet Coburn,	4,320 81	
Nov. 30,	Matilda S. True,	85 57	
Dec. 3,	Elizabeth K. Cheswell,	1,014 50	
Dec. 1,	John G. Hall,	203 00	
Dec. 21,	Lucien Kent,	455 18	
Dec. 21,	George W. Wilcomb,	101 15	
			$28,120 66

The following sums are due the town:

Balance due on tax of 1870,	$46 30	
Balance due on tax of 1871,	555 08	
Balance due on tax of 1872,	2,795 23	
Balance due from United States,	998 20	
Due on 2 notes vs S. S. Morse,	2,097 35	
Due for property sold at Almshouse	6 52	
$8\frac{3}{4}$ *M* Cedar shingles on hand bought to shingle Town House,	52 36	
The Wid. Mary Lane farm,	259 17	

Balance in the Treasury as follows:

State bonds,	4000 00	
Cash in the hands of Treasurer,	258 99	
		$11,069 20

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 27, 1873.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the Selectmen's, Overseer of the Poor, and Town Treasurer's accounts for the past year, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges.

T. J. MELVIN,
LUCIEN KENT,
WM. P. UNDERHILL,
} AUDITORS.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

OVERSEER OF THE POOR OF CHESTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY, 1873.

By cash received of town Treasurer, $360 81

EXPENDITURES.

1872.

County of Rockingham to B. Davis, Dr. for putting up transient paupers,	$21 00	
David Batchelder's bill, 5 paupers,	3 75	
		$24 75
By Cash received of county,		$24 75

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF TOWN'S POOR.

1872.

Feb. 11, paid John C. Morse for boarding Samuel Whittemore, 53 weeks,	$106 00
Cr. by making shirts,	1 00

1873.

Feb. 15, paid John Melvin's bill for clothing for Samuel Whittemore,	16 26

Feb. 12, paid Simond Heselton's bill for boarding Jos. Rand 28 weeks,	77 00	
1872.		
Nov. 2, paid Henry Moore's bill to 1 pair of shoes for Jos. Rand,	1 65	
Dec. 16, paid Mary A. Bean's bill for boarding Jos. Rand 24 weeks,	60 00	
April 5, paid Charles Carr's bill for boarding Daniel Osgood 9 weeks,	18 40	
March 3, paid Edwin Heselton's bill for wood for Daniel Osgood,	2 25	
March 24, paid Samuel S. Morse's bill for boarding Mrs. C. Mills,	22 00	
March 26, paid Benj. Davis' bill for digging grave, coffin, funeral expenses, &c. for Mrs. Mills,	14 00	
Oct. 4, town of Chester to Benj. Davis, Dr. for attending Mary Morse case,	9 50	
Sept. 6, town of Chester to Woodbury Masters, Dr. to 1 day's services,	5 00	
1873.		
Feb. 27, town of Chester to Dr. J. F. Brown, Dr. to medical attendance,	17 00	
Feb. 24, to Benj. Davis, Dr., to services as Overseer of Poor,	10 00	
Paid Geo. Merrill, for drawers for Rand,	75	
		$360 81

BENJAMIN DAVIS, *Overseer of the Poor.*

CHESTER, Feb. 27, 1873.

Dr. The Town of Chester in account with John W. Noyes, Town Treasurer. **Cr.**

1872.			1872.		
To paid for printing and stationery		$39 00	Mar. 1.	By cash, Balance in Treasury on settlement of last year's account,	$972 86
Non-resident taxes worked out,		49 12	"	By cash of S. S. Morse, on Note, pd. Feb. 22, after last years ac'ts were sett'd and audit'd,	200 00
Care of Cemetery and Hearse,		3 00	18.	By cash of G. S. Smith, on tax list of 1871,	600 00
Breaking roads,		26 78	26.	hired of Amos Buck,	1000 00
Improvement of highways and bridges		165 47	Apr. 1.	hired of Sophronia Emerick,	100 00
State tax,		951 00	12.	of G. S. Smith, on tax list of 1871,	150 00
County tax,		1,571 51	18.	of G. S. Smith on tax list of 1871,	100 00
Abatement of taxes on lists of 1871-72,		21 28	May 6.	hired of Charles H. Knowles,	200 00
Collecting taxes balance of 1871 and part of 1872,		71 79	7.	and bonds o State Treasurer.	6,033 33
Town Clerk's services, postage and stationery,		16 00	28.	of G. S. Smith, on tax list of 1871,	50 00
Superintending School Committee,		40 00	30.	of G. S. Smith, on tax list of 1871,	150 00
Town Treasurer's services,		25 00	June 7.	By int on $2,000., State bonds sold Philip Nowell,	52 34
Selectmen's services,		34 00	July 8.	By cash, State Treas., int. on $4000., St. Bonds,	120 00
School money,		1,189 67	Nov. 19.	hired of Sarah D. Moore,	200 00
Auditors services,		6 00	20.	of G. S. Smith on tax list of 1872,	700 00
Town debts, notes taken up,		11,706 34	28.	hired of Eliphalet Coburn,	4,255 56
Endorsements on notes outstanding,		12 00	30.	hired of Matilda S. True,	84 30
Interest on notes outstanding,		216 00	Dec. 1.	hired of John G. Hall,	200 00
Support of poor,		362 56	3.	hired of Elizabeth K. Cheswell	1000 00
Discount on taxes paid before Aug. 1,		100 94	21.	B. Davis, from sale, Mr. Mills furniture,	19 83
W. J. Moore, damage sustained by breaking through bridge,		25 00	"	of G. S. Smith on tax list of 1872,	200 00
for the Wid. Mary Lane Farm,		259 17	"	hired of Lucien Kent,	450 00
Selectmen's and Auditor's expenses,		31 33	"	hired of George W. Wilcomb,	100 00
Balance in the Treasury, as follows :			"	Selectmen, tax list, 1870, (J. M. Kent's,)	83 31
State Bonds,	4000 00		1873.		
Cash,	258 99		Jan. 2.	of State Treasurer, Savings Bank Tax,	473 10
		$21,251 95	"	" Railroad tax,	77 27
			"	" Literary Fund,	83 65
			"	" Int., $4000., St. Bonds,	120 00
			11.	of G. S. Smith, on tax list, 1871,	300 00
			Feb. 15.	" " " 1872.	200 00
			"	of Selectmen " 1870(J.M.Kent's)	41 94
			"	of G. S. Smith, " 1871	623 89
			24.	" " "	500 00
			"	" " 1872.	226 15
			"	of C. H. Kent, for use of Town Hall.	13 00
			27.	of G. S. Smith, on tax list of 1872,	1,571 51
					$21,251 95

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Our schools have cost more money, been longer, and our teachers have been on an average of a better grade during the past year, and results have been correspondingly good. Much depends on the choice of prudential committees, whether they have their own axes to grind or not. They should be persons who have the welfare of the district at heart. This is what we need to keep up with the spirit of the times. Our town has occupied a noble place in the history of the State, by means of the men and women she has raised, and those who have resided here. Hereafter we shall probably raise them for export instead of home use, as buisness centers are changing. If you wish your sons and daughters to occupy the proud places of business and talent, they must have education and training of intellect, so as to compete with the whole world. If you are rich, your children need education to retain their property and standing; and if you are poor, they need it all the more to help them procure the good things of life.

There are chances unparalled in this favored country, for the poor and middling classes to obtain an education. There is just now an instance in my mind, of a young man who earns enough in one of the mountain hotels during the summer vacation, to almost defray a year's expenses in college. The Dartmout Chandler Department has just given notice that it has scholarships, monitorships and funds, so that no worthy young man need stay away on account of poverty.

District No. 1. J. R. Gordon, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Fall Terms.
Miss Annie S. Moulton, Teacher.

Amount of money, $325.34.

The first and second terms taught by Miss Moulton of Hampstead. This was her first teaching in this town and we are sorry we did not find her before. Her manner is quiet and firm, perfect control of herself and school.

For the great number all made good progress. The examinations were particularly excellent.

Winter Term.—E. J. Underhill, Teacher.

The winter term was taught by Ellis J. Underhill, of Derry. He is a man of liberal culture and amply capable of keeping a "first rate" school. The term was a useful one to the scholars who liked the teacher, and he maintained order of the first class. The errors were those of minor importance, assisting the pupils too much in recitation, failing to require frequent mathematical explanations upon the black-board,

neglecting rhetorical exercises, such as composition and declamation.

The stove needs an iron poker, wooden ones create too much smoke in the room.

District No. 2. Moses Webster, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term. — Miss May Fitz, Teacher

Amount of money, $167.02.

First term taught by Miss May Fitz, who belongs to a family of natural teachers and is bound to keep good the family reputation. The school appeared well at the visits of the committee and at the examination showed to great advantage for a summer term.

Winter Term. — Miss Susie D. Hazelton, Teacher.

Winter term was under the care of Miss Susie D. Hazelton, one of our best instructors, a careful and strict disciplinarian. She preserved her good reputation as a teacher of the first class.

The very long term was profitable to all who attended, but especially to the older scholars.

District No. 3. John Roby, Prudential Committee.

Amount of money, $177.28.

This district was under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Dolbar, of Candia, for both summer and winter, and right well did she succeed.

Good examinations mark her schools Parents are well satisfied with her efforts to instruct. If she will keep up with the times as well in the future as she has in the past, there are many years of usefulness left for her. Scrutinize carefully that the pupils make no mistakes in recitation, and take advice of those younger but experienced in regard to methods. It is a cause of gratification that she with poor health is willing to take up the burden of life so resolutely and be one of the workers in the great calling of educating the youth.

District No. 4. Daniel S. West, Prudential Committee.

Amount of money $78.54.

No. 4, taught by Miss Sarah Webster, a young lady of much intelligence and refinement, one who knows much more than just enough to pass an examination for a district school, though it requires much more knowledge to teach one as it ought to be done than some suppose. This lady ought to bring into requisition her intelligence and culture, and give the children all the benefit of her reading and experience possible. Excellent order was maintained and good advance made in all studies pursued. Let her not hold herself aloof from the people but be one of them, especially while teaching among them, and her influence will have a good effect.

District No. 5. William Weeks, Prudential Committee.

Miss Julia A. Sanborn, Teacher.

Amount of money, $57.59.

Miss Sanborn taught one of the best schools ever in this district. She is one of those who never are at loss in a school, but who govern easily, not only gain the good will of children, but do it without the sacrifice of discipline. The parents and friends have taken much more interest than formerly in the school.

District No. 6. William D. Smith, Prudential Committee.

Miss Lottie E. Harris, Teacher.

Amount of money, $65.88.

This district secured the services of a wide-awake girl to take charge of the school. It made good progress in the various departments of study. Miss Harris will make one of the best instructors. This school can be lengthened by the teacher's boarding around. The pupils are so situated that they can attend other district schools, and thus get a good education with what they can obtain at the Academy in town.

District No. 7. John A. Haselton, Prudential Committee.

SUSIE D. HAZELTON, Teacher.

Amount of money, $87.42.

Miss Hazelton, being a former resident of the district, was well acquainted with the wants and peculiarities of the scholars; this made teaching easy for her. It appeared to the committee that the scholars were doing well in the different branches of study when he visited the school. It is unnecessary for me to say much more, as remarks under No. 2 apply here. As all Miss Hazelton's former efforts have been successful, we looked for the same here and were not disappointed.

District No. 8. Charles F. True, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term. — Miss MARY SPOLLETT, Teacher.

Amount of money, $95.75.

The first term taught by Miss Spollett, a young lady of good scholarship. The school appeared quiet and orderly on each occasion of my visiting it. The recitations were good on examination. Miss Spollett will make a good teacher. The school-house ought to be shingled and have a new coat of paint.

Winter term taught by Miss Sarah Webster, of Kingston; as smart a lady as has entered our school-rooms during the year. Her pupils caught the enthusiasm of the hour and appeared "splendidly" on all occasions.

District No. 9. Dan. T. Sanborn, Prudential Committee

Miss Lottie E. Harris, Windham, Teacher.

Amount of money, $58.14.

Miss Harris, of Windham, labored very hard for such a small number of scholars, and they profited by it, making great improvement. There are but few parents in the district; they were well pleased with her efforts and we all thought on examination day that she well earned her salary.

District No 10. Henry Knight, Prudential Committee.

Mrs. Lizzie Hooke, Teacher.

Amount of money, $58.22.

It is an encomium pronounced upon a lady, to be brought into requisition as a teacher after she has entered a relation which is supposed to release one from public engagements. It is perfectly right that one who is well fitted for such a work should remain in the field. The school was well taught and I think the parents were well satisfied with Mrs. Hooke's efforts.

TO THE TEACHERS.

The efforts of most of our teachers have been successful, but as all human effort is liable to imperfections, some, in some respects, ought to be criticised. We are sorry we find it necessary to repeat the advice of last year,—*Be careful and teach no error. Prepare* yourselves with the lessons of each day, you will then be familiar with them, and you will be interested and able to interest your scholars. The pupils ought to think your knowledge illimitable while you have charge of

a school. One teacher mis-spells proper names in the register. Another teacher has no watch and keeps the time in school by means of rags hung from a window. We do not want a branch of the signal corps in Chester. Always keep your watches in repair. Another teacher talks too much while the class is reciting; he should ask the questions and let the scholars answer, not partly answer for them; explain when the class is done reciting. Some teachers, experienced and capable, suddenly lose their interest and grow careless in their work because they have secured a situation in some city school, or other place, or are going to be married. It is neither right nor honorable to slacken in your duties for a single day, because you are looking to something better ahead. Teachers should *earn* their salary. Make it a study to find the *best possible* method of imparting instruction in each branch taught. Teachers fail especially in teaching Grammar, a science which requires much oral instructin and a *thorough practical application* of each lesson learned. Seek to make your scholars *good readers.* We are happy to mention Miss Moulton as one of several who succeeded admirably in teaching reading.

TO THE PUBLIC.

No grandiloquence here, but a plain, practical statement of prospects and wants of the school.

Much interest has been taken in educational matters by parents during the past year. Many have visited the schools and kept their children interested, this should continue and more exertion should be made to raise our schools to the proper standard. Prudential agents have visited the schools more than usual. Messrs Gordon, Webster, Roby, West,

Weeks, Smith, True, Knights, (and perhaps others) in their respective districts, have visited the schools. All complain that the schools are small, and they will be still smaller, if children leave off going so much earlier than scholars formerly did. Not long ago pupils attended the district school till twenty-one, now it is rare to see them in the school-room after sixteen. It is well known that youth can learn as fast when young, but it takes a matured mind to understand and retain what is learned. Children influence one another and have their own way too much in this respect; if the word passes round that this or that one is not going to school this winter, immediately several others decide not to attend, and so all of a certain age stay away, much to their own loss and that of the school. Put your children in school at the proper age and keep them there till their education is in some sense complete and their minds arrive at some degree of maturity.

The cause of failure so often in life is this: they do not get education and maturity of character enough for the position they wish to fill and therefore fail.

Our Academy has been flourishing under the care of Miss Gale; her labors are highly prized by the trustees of the school and it is the wish of the whole town that she remain with us. The best interests of the town would be vastly promoted if the school could be supplied with funds so that it would be permanent. It is quite the fashion for rich men to endow schools and colleges—Mr. Simonds of Warner left forty thousand dollars for a school in that town, and Mr. Emerson has left a large sum to Hampstead for the same purpose.

JAMES F. BROWN,

School Committee.

C. F. LIVINGSTON,

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